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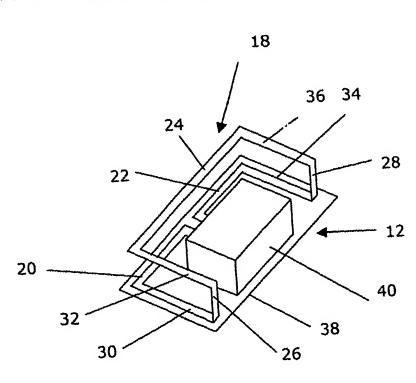
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a wireless communication device and an antenna arrangement in such a device, where a loop antenna element (18) comprises: a first section (20) provided in and extending a length in a first plane, a second section (22) spaced from, provided in and extending a length in the first plane, a third section (24) in a second plane parallel to the first plane, aligned with the first and second sections, and a fourth (26) and a fifth section (28) interconnecting antenna sections in the first and second planes. The sections form a three-dimensional structure having a substantial two-dimensional extension in at least one of the first and second planes. The second section extends along the same line as the first section or has a curvature, which is a continuation of the curvature of the first section. Thereby a small wideband antenna requiring a small ground plane is obtained.



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